

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

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For: LINKER COMPOUND, LIGAND  
CONJUGATE, AND PRODUCTION  
METHODS THEREOF

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Examiner: Taofiq A. Solola, Ph.D., J.D.

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 30, 2009, for which a response was due on March 30, 2010. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two (2) months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 30, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.